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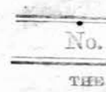

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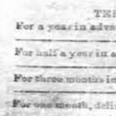

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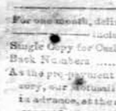

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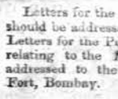

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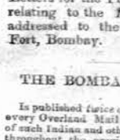

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Central Bank	250	2½ do.	23 prem.
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On London at 6 months' sight	2s.	0¼d.	per Rupee.
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" 3 do.	2s.	0¾d.	do.
" 2 do.	2s.	0¾d.	do.
" 1 do.	2s.	0d.	do.
" on demand			
On Scotland do.	ls.	11¾d.	do.
On Ireland do.			
On Paris, at 3 days' sight	ls.	11¼d.	do.

Circular Notes payable throughout Europe. ls. 11¼d. do.

No Drafts at six months' sight are granted for sums under £50. Sums under £20 are only drawn for on demand.

Drafts are also granted on Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Mauritius, Melbourne, and Sydney.

The Corporation purchase or collect Bills payable in Europe or in Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Mauritius, Melbourne, and Sydney.

DEPOSITS.

The Corporation receive Deposits on the following terms :—

payable on demand, in sums of Rs. 100 and upwards	2 per ct. per annum.
Do. in one sum, at 3 months' notice	3 "
Do. do. 6 do.	4 "
Do. do. 12 do.	5 "

No interest allowed on Deposits under Rs. 1,000, nor on deposits over Rs. 50,000, *unless by special arrangement.*

REMITTANCE.

The Corporation undertakes to remit money to Europe by each Overland Mail free of charge.

Parties are requested to make all Orders or Hoondies payable to "*The Oriental Bank Corporation or Order,*" and to state distinctly the name and address of the person to whom the Remittance is to be made. (*If to a Lady, her Christian name or names in full,*) and the sight at which the Bills are to be drawn.

COMMISSION

The rate of Commission charged by this Agency on the purchase or sale of Government Securities negotiable in Bombay, is ¼ per cent. on the amount invested or realized, and on the collection of Bills, one per cent. and Postage.

The Corporation take charge of Government Paper, Shares in the Bank of Bombay, and other local Stocks, free of all charges, and will draw Interests and Dividends on the same as they fall due, on the following terms :—

If to be remitted through the Corporation .....Without charge.
If to be paid in India, a Commission will be charged of ..... ¼ per cent.
On returning Government Paper out of safe custody ..... ¼ per cent.

Hours of business	10 to 4 o'clock.
Saturday	10 to 1 do.

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Bombay 7th May 1863.

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EXCHANGE.

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6 months's sight (not under £50) at	2s.	0¼d.	per Rupee.
4 Do. at	2s.	0¾d.	"
3 Do. at	2s.	0¾d.	"
2 Do. at	2s.	0¾d.	"
1 Do. at	2s.	0 1/16d.	"
On demand at	2s.		

DEPOSITS.

Interest is allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at 2 per cent. per annum, on the daily balance, and, and on Fixed Deposits, as follows :—

Repayable in one sum, at 3 months' notice, 3 per cent.			
Do.	6	do.	5 "
Do.	12	do.	6 "

No Interest allowed on Current Account Balances under Rs. 1,000 nor on Deposits above Rs. 50,000, unless by special arrangement.

REMITTANCE.

The Bank's Agency undertakes to realise Drafts or Hoondies on the Presidency without charge, for remittance to Europe in the Bank's Bills on the City Bank, London.

All Drafts, or Hoondies, forwarded for realisation, to be made payable to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, or order.

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government Paper, Bank Stock and other Securities ¼ per cent. on the amount realised or invested.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account, or remitted home in the Bank's Bills.

On Interest or Dividends, or proceeds of Securities by sale ¼ per cent. if the amounts be paid in India, if remitted home by the Bank, no charge.

On delivering up of Securities, deposited for safe custody, ¼ per cent.

Office hours 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.; Saturdays 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

The Directors have recently opened an Agency of the Bank of Bengpon for the transaction of general Banking and Exchange Business.

ANTHONY MORRISON,
Agent.

Bombay 9th 1863.

THE BANK OF HINDUSTAN, CHINA, AND JAPAN, (LIMITED.)

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IRELAND .....The National Bank.

The Bombay Branch has been opened for business in the premises lately occupied by the Bank of Bombay.

The Manager grants drafts at the following rates of Exchange :—

On London or Liverpool at 6 months' sight	2s.	0¼d.	per Rup.
" " " 4 do.	2s.	0¾d.	do.
" " " 3 do.	2s.	0¾d.	do.
" " " 2 do.	2s.	0¾d.	do.
" " " 1 do.	2s.		
" " " on demand	ls.	11¾d.	"
On Scotland do.	ls.	11¾d.	"
On Ireland do.	ls.	11¾d.	"

Circular Notes for the use of Travellers on the Continent and to Europe, Overland at 1 day's sight... } ls. 11¼d. "

Drafts at 6 months' sight are not granted for less than £50 and amounts under £20 are only drawn for payable on demand.

The Bank also purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable in Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Singapore, Penang, and Mauritius.

Bills collected at any of the above places at an uniform charge including postages, of one per cent.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts	2 per cent.
Deposits for 3 months	3 "
Do. do. 6 do.	4 "
Do. do. 12 do.	6 "

No interest allowed on Current Account Balances under Rs. 1,000 on or over Rs. 50,000, unless by special agreement No cheques paid or cash received under Rs. 20.

COMMISSION.

The Bank takes charge of Government Securities, Shares in Banks and other Companies, without charge, and realizes Interest and Dividends thereon on the following terms :—

If to be remitted in the Bank's Drafts, without charge.
If to be paid in India, a Commission will be charged of ¼ per cent.
On returning Government Paper, or Share Certificates out of safe custody, or when sold on paying the proceeds of such sale in India, a commission will be charged of ¼ per cent. But if proceeds are remitted on the Bank's Drafts, without charge.
Commission charged on purchase and sale of Government Securities and Shares ¼ per cent.

R. D. PEEBLES,
Bombay, 8th May 1863. Agent.

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Incorporated by National Decrees of 7th and 8th March 1848, and by Imperial Decree of 20th July 1854.

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London Bankers.
UNION BANK OF LONDON ; MESSRS. C. J. HAMBRO AND SON.

BOMBAY AGENCY;

Offices—23, *Rampart Row.*

THIS Agency grants Drafts and Letters of Credit, and purchases or collects Bills on the abovementioned places; as also on the principal Towns of Continental Europe, on Madras, Pondichery, Karrachee, Ceylon, Mauritius, Singapore, Hongkong, Sydney and Melbourne.

EXCHANGE.

Drafts granted as follows :—

On London 6 months' sight	2s.	0¼d.	per Rp.
3 Do. Do.	2s.	0d.	" "
On Demand	ls.	11¾d.	"
On France 6 months' sight	frs.	2-50 cts.	"
3 Do. Do.	"	2-53	"
On Demand	"	2-50	"

DEPOSITS.

Interest at 2 per cent. per annum allowed on Current Deposits when not less than Rs. 1000, nor exceeding Rs. 50,000, for fixed periods as may be hereby arranged.

DISCOUNTS, LOANS, &c.

The Agency discounts approved Local Bills, grants Loans on Government Paper, Bullion, Bank Stock, and approved Shares and other Securities.

Any further information as to rates of business, &c. may be had at the Office, or on application by letter to the undersigned, to whom all remittances should be made payable.

T. H. B. DAVISON, Acting Manager.

Bombay, 25th March 1863.

THE AGRA AND UNITED SERVICE BANK, (LIMITED.)

ESTABLISHED IN INDIA, 1833.

Incorporated by Royal Charter.

HEAD OFFICE.....LONDON.
BRANCHES AT CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, MADRAS, AGRA, LAHORE, KURRACHEE, UMRITSUR, SHANGHAI, HONG-KONG, EDINBURG, and SYDNEY.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £2,000,000 (TWO MILLIONS STERLING.)
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (ONE MILLION STERLING.)
RESERVED FUND, £194,658 17s. 8d. Rs. 19,26,588 13as. 4p.

The Bombay Manager grants drafts on London on demand and at from one to six month's sight ; also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt and the Continent of Europe.

The following are the current rates of Exchange :—

On London at 6 months' sight	2s.	0¼d.	
" 4 months' sight	2s.	0¾d.	
" 3 months' sight	2s.	0¾d.	
" 2 months' sight	2s.	0¾d.	
" 1 month's sight	2s.		
" On demand	ls.	11¾d.	
Circular Notes	ls.	11¾d.	

The London General Manager will generally, if desired, be prepared to discount the Bank's Bills at the current rate of the day.

The Bank purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable at Calcutta, Agra, Madras, Lahore, Kurrachee, Umritsar, Hong-Kong, Shanghai, and Sydney.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

1. On Floating, or Current Deposits, payable on demand of not less than Rs. 1,000 or more than Rs. 50,000, 2 per cent. per annum.

2. On fixed Deposits at 3 months' notice, 3 per cent. per annum.

3. On Fixed Deposits at 6 months' notice, 4 per cent. per annum.

4. On Fixed Deposits at 12 months' notice, 5 per cent. per annum.

Fixed Deposits may generally be availed of for the Bank's Bills on London without notice.

Notice of withdrawal can be given at the time of depositing the money, or at any time thereafter.

Interest is credited to Deposit accounts half-yearly.

No Interest allowed on Current Account Balances over Rs. 50,000, unless by special agreement.

The Funds of all public bodies connected with the Services and of such other Societies as the Directors may consider eligible for the same privileges, will be received by the Bank at the highest rate of interest for the time being subject to modified conditions.

The Bank reserves to itself the right of paying off all interest Deposits, and of modifying the terms thereof, on giving one month's notice.

Parties making remittances to the Bank should specify distinctly the Account or Accounts to which the same are to be credited. *Accuracy in this respect is particularly desirable*

COMMISSION.

The Bank takes charge of Government Securities, Shares in Banks and other Companies without charge, and realizes the Interest and Dividends, for which a charge will be made of ¼ per cent.

On returning Government Paper or other Securities out of safe custody, a charge will be made of ¼ per cent.

On the purchase or sale of Government Securities and Bank or Joint Stock, ¼ per cent.

To obviate disappointment to parties at a distance purchasing the Bank's Bills on England, which might reach them too late for despatch by first Mail, it is hereby notified that the Bank will, whenever so requested, transmit the first of Exchange direct, on being furnished with the correct address of the party at Home to whom the remittance is to be sent.

All Orders or Hoondies should be made payable to the Manager of the Agra & U. S. Bank, (Limited), or order, and the letters enclosing them should state distinctly the name of the person to whom the Remittance is to be made (*if to a Lady her Christian name or names in full,*) and the sight at which the Bills are to be drawn.

NOTICE.—The Bank will obtain registry of Promissory Notes of the several Loans of the Indian Government, and Enfacement for payment of the Interest in London.

Drafts for interest on such Government Promissory Notes, on the Treasuries of Calcutta and Madras, will be received for encashment at current rates of Exchange, or for realization in India, at the Head Office of the Bank in London, where constituents can also deposit their securities for safe custody.

Parties are requested to address "*The Manager of the Agra and United Service Bank, (Limited), Bombay*" and to make all orders or Hoondies payable to him.

A Branch of the Bank has been lately established at Sydney, New South Wales, (Mr. Alexander Campbell, Manager) for the transaction of business in all its Branches.

H. B. MACCULLOCH, Manager.

Bombay, 8th May 1863.

CENTRAL BANK OF WESTERN INDIA.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts above Rs. 1,000 and, not exceeding Rs. 50,000, repayable on demand, at 2 per cent per annum.

On Deposits for 3 months certain 3 per cent per annum.
Do. " 6 " " 5 " "
Do. " 12 " " 6 " "

EXCHANGE.

Bills on London, at 6 months sight	2s.	0¼d.	per Rupee.
Ditto at 4 ditto	2s.	0¾d.	do.
Ditto at 3 ditto	2s.	0¾d.	do.
Ditto at 2 ditto	2s.	0¾d.	do.
Ditto at 1 ditto	2s.	0d.	do.
Ditto on demand ditto	ls.	11¾d.	do.

Drafts at 6 months' sight are not granted for less than £5. and amounts under £20 are only drawn for payable on demand

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government and other Securities 5 per cent. on the amount realised or invested.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account or remitted home in the Bank's Bills, lso without charge.

On Interest or Dividends, or on proceeds of Securities by Sale, ¼ per cent. commission charged, if the amounts be paid in India, if remitted home by the Bank, no commission charged.

On returning Securities out of safe custody ¼ per cent. Commission

Hours of business .....10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Saturdays.....10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

EDWIN HEYCOCK,
Bombay, 15th May 1863. Manager.

Shipping.

BOMBAY.

DEPARTURE.

DATE.	SHIP.	COMMANDER.	To
June 1	Maharaj (s)	Kidder	Malabar Coast.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

Per Steamer *Maharaj*, to Malabar Coast.—Lieut. Parker, and servant : Mr. C. A. Davis, and servant ; Mr. McPherson ; Mr. Smythe ; Mr. T. H. Davis ; Mr. T. Clarke ; Mr. W. Clayton ; Mr. J. Treeman ; Mr. Wilson ; Mr. H. G. Simpson ; Mr. Green ; Mr. R. Stevenson ; Mr. T. Johnson ; Mr. and Mrs. Cogan, and several deck passengers.

PORT CLEARANCES.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—

Ship *Havelock*, M. Gandy, bound to Liverpool.
Ship *Mary Crosker*, Stubbs, bound to Kurrachee.
Ship *Nadur Shaw*, Nacoda, bound to Zanzibar.
Ship *Storm Cloud*, Duncan, bound to Akyab.
Ship *Duke of Wellington*, Auld, bound to Liverpool.

COMMENCED LOADING.

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—
Ship *Sea Queen*, for Liverpool.
Ship *Morning Light*, for Liverpool.
Ship *Lew Chew*, for Liverpool.

DAILY EXPORTS.

BOMBAY, MONDAY, 1ST JUNE 1863.

For London.

Mystery.—27 bags Coffee, 40½ cwt., Dewjee Premjee ; 200 bags Coffee, 300 cwt., Muncherjee Jamsetjee and Sons.

Conway.—21 cases Olibanum, 47 cwt. 17 lbs., Hurridass Toolsidass ; 300 bags Sirseeed, 450 cwt., Dewjee Mucranny.

Prince Consort.—1 case Chinaware ; 1 case Books and Clothes, A. Bell and Co. ; 1 case Old Watchware, F. A. Spencer.

Wellington.—8 bales Cotton, 28 cwt. ; 3½ bales Wool, 10½ cwt., Dadabhoy Nowrojee.

Scotland.—14½ bales Cotton, 50½ cwt., W. Nicol and Co. ; 200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., Volkart Brothers.

Morayshire.—99 cans Ginger, 133½ cwt., Stoehr, Prieger and Co.

For Liverpool.

Wasp.—42 bales Hemp, 147 cwt., Ruttonsy Ludha ; 60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Aladin Habibbhoy.

John Stuart.—125 bales Cotton, 437½ cwt., Nattaram Poonjaram.

Princess Alexandra.—100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Khutow Khimjee ; 110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Khatesy Sewjee.

Henry Fornie.—51 bales Wool, 153 cwt., Malljee Sewjee ; 100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Tulla Nensey.

Broughton Hall.—50 bales Cotton, 175 cwt., D. P. Bramhall.

Crescent.—100 bales Wool, 800 cwt., Alladinbhoy Habibbhoy ; 150 bales Cotton, 525 cwt., Nursy Mowjee ; 48 bales Wool, 154 cwts., G. Samjee.

Bulwark.—1,000 bales Cotton, 3,500 cwt., Cursondass Mahdowdass ; 100 bales 350 cwt., Lilladhut Luckumsy ; 115 bales Cotton, 402½ cwt., Luckmerow Muliarow ; 125 bales Cotton, 447½ cwt., Damoder Tickumjee.

Ambrose.—200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., Goculdass Cullianjee and Co. ; Loose Hemp, 105 cwt., Ruttonsy Ludha.

South.—100 bales Wool, 800 cwt., Bhimjee Girdhur ; 45 bales Wool, 135 cwt., Kessowjee Arjoon.

Americana.—500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., Cursetjee Furdoonjee and Co. ; 350 bales Cotton, 1,225 cwt., Meer Sassoon Moosy ; 200 bags Linseed, 800 cwt., Bâbajee Gunputrow and Co. ; 60 bales Cotton, 200 cwt., Gunnesh Venayek.

Euphrates.—28 bales Wool, 84 cwt. ; 8 bales Cotton, 9 cwt., Hirjee Jentsy.

Clifton Belle.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Malljee Ruttonsy ; 250 bales Cotton, 875 cwt., Dulputbhoy Bhugoobhoy ; 35 bales Cotton, 123 cwt., Nanjee Momud Sons and Co. ; 3½ bales Cotton, 12½ cwt., Soonderjee Heerachund.

Matheran.—400 bales Cotton, 1,400 cwt., Muncherjee Dadabhoy ; 200 bags Saltpetre, 300 cwt., G. Burstall and Co. ; 1,000 bales Cotton, 3,500 cwt., Lawrence and Co.

Southern Bell.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Heerjee Khimjee.

Albion.—97 bales Cotton, 340 cwt., Hajeebhoy Sallay Momud Arby ; 160 bales Cotton, 560 cwt., Dhunjee Maneck.

Rajah of Cochin.—60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Merwanjee Nesserwanjee ; 140 bales Cotton, 490 cwt., Momud Dhurumsy and Co. ; 173 bags Linseed, 259½ cwt., M. Rogers and Co.

Duncarin.—87 bales Cotton, 304½ cwt., Maneckchund Cursonjee ; 60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Virjee Canjee.

King of Italy.—150 bales Cotton, 525 cwt., S. Burstall and Co.

Peter Maxwell.—60 bags Bhoysingseed, 75 cwt., Khimjee Visram and Co.

Castilian.—400 bales Cotton, 1,400 cwt., B. H. Cama.

Sir Charles Napier.—75 bales Cotton, 262½ cwt., Jotha Pursotum ; 225 bales Cotton, 787½ cwt., Khutow Ludha.

Lillies.—60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Virjee Canjee ; 165 bales Cotton, 577½ cwt., Vusunjee Jewraz.

South Carolina.—108 bales Cotton, 360½ cwt., Terbhovun Casseram.

Sarawak.—100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., D. P. Bramhall ; 150 bales Cotton, 490 cwt, Soonderjee Nowjee.

Sam Mendel.—400 bales Cotton, 1,400 cwt., Woomersy Mooljee ; 150 bales Cotton, 525 cwt., Rennie, Scovell and Co.

Rhea Sylva.—115 bales Cotton, 401½ cwt., Cayvalbhoy Jaiechund.

Venus.—50½ bales Cotton, 176¾ cwt., Jugjeevundass Samuldass ; 100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., M. Bhugoobhoy.

John Linn.—1,028 bags Linseed, 1,800 cwt., Jeatha Jairaz.

Glee Maiden.—2,000 bundles Jingellyseed 1,000 cwt., Tulla Moraz.

Tim Whiffler.—150 bales Cotton, 525 cwt., Jayaram Dhunraz.

Sea Queen.—118 Hhds., Coaconut Oil, 461 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs., Ritchie, Steuart and Co. ; Loose Guana Crust, 20 tons, J. P. Cornforth and Co.

Leuchars.—1,700 bags Rapeseed, 2,550 cwt., Ritchie, Steuart and Co.

Morning Light.—500 bags Sirseeed, 750 cwt., Ahmedbhoy Golam Hossein.

North.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Varjeevun Vulubdass ; 22 bales Cotton, 77 cwt., B. Ambidass.

Bavelaw.—300 bales Cotton, 1,050 cwt., Tickumjee Velljee and Co. ; 500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., Cassedass Purbhoodass.

Culloden.—160 bales Cotton, 560 cwt., Withoba Khadapa.

For New York.

Anne Armstrong.—200 bales Wool, 600 cwt., Lee and Brown.

For St. Thomas.

Gem of the Ocean.—1,000 bags Linseed, 1,500 cwt., Lyon Brothers and Co.

VESSELS EXPECTED AT BOMBAY.

FROM LONDON.

492	Adelaide, Jardine.	April 21
749	Art Union, Morrison.	April 10
709	Birkby, Furdy.	April 29
720	Chapman, Harland.	
567	City of Glasgow, Carnaghard—W. Nicol & Co.	March 8
882	Cyclops, Cordiner.	
1954	Defiance, Galloway—Ritchie Steuart & Co.	March 3
1890	Edendale, McGregor.	
810	Gosforth, Shaw—Grey & Co.	
1168	Glasgow, Taylor.	
930	Gloriana, Vaile. H. M. St. Punjaub. H. M St. Assaye.	
831	Janet Cowan, McKirdy.	April 9
1987	Lonias, Bowcroft—W. Nicol & Co.	March 1
774	Mahratta, Hickman.	
1036	Marian Moore, Monce.	
844	Minnehaha, Morgan.	May 4
541	Naval Brigade, Moon.	
950	Octavia, Bristow.	Feb. 14
818	Sarah Sands, Gillies—E. Bates & Co.	
744	Sea Park, Stewart—Grey & Co.	April 18
799	Sir Ralph Abercrombie, Macdonald.	
402	Sirocco.—Burjorjee & Co.	Feb. 24
744	Thomas Hamlin, Menzies.	Feb. 25
1104	Veteran, Duncan—Bobers Frith & Co.	March 31
1047	Windsor Castle, Pyne—Ritchie Steuart & Co.	April 10
940	Wings of the Wind, Wyllie.	April 30
	Yeoman, Liverpool.	April 30
1066	Zarul Bahar, Bogers.	April 30
904	Baron Renfrew, Thomas.	March 24
639	Barbara.	Feb. 14
589	Bon Accord, Campbell.	Feb. 11
814	Bloomer, Goodwin.	March 6
668	Celuta, Hayes—Coupland & Co.	March 9
	Eliza Bencke, Jackson.—Souza Pinto & Co.	April 20
1091	Elijahalet Greeley, Cutter.	
220	Fideliter, (s), Jones—E. Bates & Co.	
1165	Gatineau, Cumming—Stenhouse & Co.	Feb. 8
647	Grefve Berg, Snellman.	Feb. 18
1328	Hahneman, Phillips.	
819	Hurry Puddensey, Richardson—E. Bates & Co.	Feb. 13
855	Lady Havelock, O'Neill—Steven Brothers & Co.	
1021	Lancastrian, Pearson.	
965	Margaret, Faulkner.	
1129	Marseilles, Clements—Coupland & Co.	Feb. 9
1243	Mary Stenhouse, Finlay—E. Bates & Co.	Feb. 22
1745	Merchant Prince—Rennie, Scovell & Co.	
1017	Negotiator, Hawkins.—Coupland & Co.	Feb. 13
1157	Neptune's Car, Kirby.	March 27
1034	Old England, Bulman.	Feb. 23
982	Princess Somsewitty, Roy—H. Forman.	April 3
999	Remington, Leisk—Remington & Co.	
1357	Salsette, Dawson.—Stoehr Prieger & Co.	
900	Sir John Lawrence, Sinclair.	April 25
370	Sydney Eggers, Campbell—E. Bates & Co.	April 18
965	Tangier.	April 29
1178	Thomas Seddon—Finlay, Clark & Co.	April 18
	FROM LIVERPOOL VIA ADEN.	
1005	Beeston Castle, Carney—Rennie, Scovell & Co.	April 1
903	Blencathra, Stewart.	Jan. 18
885	Chevalier, Perkins.	Dec. 26
1046	Childwick bury, Faithful—W. Nicol & Co.	Feb. 21
936	Elizabeth, Stewart.	Jan. 21
1325	Euroclydon, Wright.	April 9
1343	Levant, Ferran.—Ewart Latham & Co.	Jan. 21
1957	Lord Palmerston, Halcrow.	April 9
811	Missouri, Calhoun.	April 20
1669	Oriental, Ballard.	April 20
1459	Research, Kirk.	Feb. 13
1115	Tivoli, McPherson—W. Nicol & Co.	Dec. 2
	FROM NEWPORT VIA ADEN.	
1100	Eldorado, Hayes.	
	FROM CARDIFF.	
427	Enterprise, Haynes.	
1187	Lady Franklin, Rawle.	April 28
	FROM CARDIFF VIA ADEN.	
798	Amity, Stenson.	Jan. 23
890	Congress, Drinkwater.	Feb. 7
959	Falkland, Pender.	
1142	Johannisberg, Stilphan.	March 12
533	Neptune, Veary.	
1155	Sabino.	March 8
1246	Sirocco.	April 14
705	Southern Rights.	March 9
654	Sparkling Wave, Emory.	Dec. 10
1089	T. E. Lemon, Rainey.	April 19
1023	Wandering Jew, Smart.	Feb. 7
	FROM SWANSEA VIA ADEN.	
950	Highland Light, Crowell.	Feb. 16
1809	Thomas Harward, Robinson.	Feb. 16
	FROM GALLE.	
993	Duke of Newcastle, Mackenzie.	April 30
	FROM SUNDERLAND VIA ADEN.	
334	Crusader.	
	FROM NEWCASTLE VIA ADEN.	
1199	Baden.	(put back.)
500	Elizabeth Douthwaite.	
780	Manlius.	
	FROM THE CLYDE.	
549	City of Edinburg, Soden—Finlay Clark & Co.	
525	City of London, Hendry—Finlay Clark & Co.	Feb. 7
	Chobuba (s) R. I. S. N. Co.	
934	Jane Jack Mitchell, Mitchell.	
	FROM NEW ZEALAND.	
1354	Gertrude, Congdon—Coupland & Co.	March 17
	FROM MELBOURNE.	
1345	Zoboah, Powell.	April 16
1235	Tornado.	
	FROM AUSTRALIA.	
1001	Maxwell, Jones.	
1300	Rangoon.	Jan. 8
	FROM CALCUTTA.	
679	Alice Maud—S. Tyebjee & Co.	March 7
655	Ally.	April 6
980	Arratoon Apcar (s.)	
1361	Castlemaine—Lawrence & Co.	April 17
	Clymene.	
	Day Dream.	
1440	Eliza (a), Stearns—Hobart & Co.	
998	Esmeralda (a.)	
956	Granite State (a.)	
620	Hydoree.	
769	India, (s), Grey—B. I. S. N. Co.	
804	Joshua.	
664	Mary Ann.	
942	Miriam—Lawrence & Co.	April 22
410	Ophir	
559	Penjaub.	April 27
	Rohamanee.	April 17
	Schah Jehan.	April 14
938	Sebastopol—E. Bates & Co.	March 27
876	Shen Shah.	
	FROM MOULMEIN.	
868	John Kerr—Cohen & Co.	March 26

In Re Ludha Dongersey.

Mr. Scoble moved, on the insolvent's affidavit, for leave to file a fresh petition. Two years ago insolvent had filed a petition; he expected an amicable settlement with the creditors and had applied for further time to file the schedule, which, however, was not granted, and the petition was dismissed.

Mr. Cooper opposed the application on behalf of a creditor named Hurda Currumsey, alleging that in February 1861, at the time when insolvent first filed the petition, the opposing creditor had brought an action against him, but did not obtain judgment until March last. Insolvent was now trading in partnership, and had realised considerable profits on cotton transactions with which he could well satisfy the claims of his creditors.

Mr. Scoble said that if the insolvent had any assets, they would be realised by the Official Assignee for the benefit of the creditors, and therefore there could be no objection to his being allowed to file a petition.

The Hon'ble Commissioner observed that the objection must be verified by an affidavit.

Mr. Cooper asked for time to put in an affidavit.

Mr. Scoble said the opposing creditor had had ample time to file an affidavit, and no object could be gained by further delay.

The Hon'ble Commissioner enquired what were the grounds of the dismissal of the former petition.

Mr. Scoble explained that the insolvent had applied for further time to file his schedule, as he expected an amicable settlement with the creditors, but it was not granted, and the petition was dismissed.

The Hon'ble Commissioner said that no cause verified by affidavit was shewn against the application, and therefore leave must be granted to insolvent to file a fresh petition.

In Re Peerbhoy Rowjee.

Mr. Scoble supported.

The Hon'ble Mr. Lewis opposed.

The insolvent's discharge was opposed on several grounds, the principal of which were the falsity of the schedule and concealment of property. Mr. Lewis detailed several items of money which were not accounted for, and several entries on the credit side, which were fictitious and not supported by entries in the books.

The Hon'ble Commissioner suggested the more convenient course that the examination of books should be conducted before the Examiner.

Mr. Lewis expressed his readiness to comply with the suggestion of the Court.

Mr. Scoble objected to such a course as causing unnecessary delay and expense to the insolvent. The trustees to whom the insolvent's estate had been conveyed by the bulk of the creditors, and who were all respectable Khoja merchants, had already examined the books and were satisfied with the accounts.

Mr. Lewis impeached the trust deed and the conduct of the trustees as unfair.

The Hon'ble Commissioner said it was desirable to refer the examination of books to the Examiner, as they required sifting and searching. He directed that the Examination should commence within a week, and the Examiner to make his report within two months from this date, as the accounts extended over a period of thirteen years, and adjourned accordingly, pending the Examiner's Report.

SMALL CAUSE COURT.

Monday, 1st June 1863.

(BEFORE J. F. HOBE, ESQ.)

Jamsetjee Sorabjee vs. *Hormusjee Dhunjeebhoy.*

Mr. Nasserwanjee for defendant; plaintiff in person.

The plaintiff is an actor, and the defendant the manager of the Parsee Theatrical Club. The action was brought to recover Rs. 10 as remuneration for cost and labour done at defendant's request by plaintiff as an actor in a piece entitled "The Fair Penitent" at a performance given by defendant at the Grant Road Theatre one night in the month of December last. It was alleged by plaintiff that his services were obtained by defendant expressly to perform as an actor at the Grant Road Theatre, and that defendant agreed to pay him Rs. 10 every time it performed for the Club. It appeared he did act on several occasions on behalf of the Club, and admitted that he agreed to act at a play called "The Fair Penitent" when the proceeds to be realised were to be handed over to the Lancashire Relief Fund; and it was for the service rendered on this occasion that he claimed the remuneration. The defence was that these services were rendered gratuitously. Plaintiff called a witness in his favour, but his evidence was adverse to him. So far from showing any limited promise on the part of the defendant to pay, it showed that there was a resolution among them that the actors should perform gratuitously on this occasion, and the resolution was carried unanimously by votes in presence of the plaintiff who raised no objection to it; that they thereby agreed to give the performance; and that they, plaintiff amongst them, offered their services gratuitously. The evidence of the defendant was to the same effect. His Honor, after recapitulating the evidence, observed that as a general rule every person who devotes his time and talents to his employers is entitled to recompense, but the law implies no promise in respect of services gratuitously rendered. Upon the evidence His Honor came to the conclusion that these services were rendered gratuitously by plaintiff, and accordingly entered a *verdict in favour of the defendant.*

MADRAS.

A PRIVATE letter from Ootacamund says that a rumour is current there to the effect that the Subordinate Court at that station will shortly be abolished, and that in its stead, a Civil and Sessions Court will be established on the Neilgherries.—*Times, May 27.*

A SHORT time ago intelligence was received at Madras of an outbreak of Cholera in the 60th Rifles at Theyetmyo. This intelligence has no doubt caused much anxiety to many of our readers, and it will of course be a gratification to them to know that authentic intelligence has been received from Rangoon dated 15th Instant, that Cholera had ceased,—and that "all was well." The death of two Officers we are sorry to add is reported—viz. Doctor Sparrow and Captain Hazen, 60th Rifles.—*Id.*

We have much pleasure in giving our full and entire assent to the remarks of our contemporary the *Times*, about Sir Barnes Peacock's resistance to Mr. Beadon's ill-judged attempt to make the Judges of the High Court his legal advisers. We had thought the day for such things had long gone by. The Sudr Udalut here used, years ago, to be consulted in this way by the Government, but as soon as Mr. Morehead was appointed to the Sudr Bench, he entered a vigorous protest against the practice, and showed the objections to it so clearly, that the Madras Government, to its honor be it said, at once adopted his reasoning, and the practice forthwith ceased. It is really too bad of Mr. Beadon to attempt to revive it. He may rest assured that he might as well try to revive the East India Company.—*Athenæum and Statesman, May 27.*

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. HOLLOWAY TO THE BENCH OF THE HIGH COURT.—We observe with no ordinary feelings of gratification, that Mr. Holloway, of the Madras Civil Service, has been appointed permanently to a seat on the Bench of the High Court of Judicature at Madras.

Mr. Holloway first arrived here only on the 6th of January 1849, and has barely completed 14 years' service. He stands No. 82 on the Civil Service List; he 81 who are senior to him including no less than *twenty three* Civil and Session Judges. The selection of him by Her Majesty's Secetary of State is therefore not merely a feather, but a whole plume of feathers, in his cap, especially as there exists, we believe, little doubt that very strong interest was used at home, to secure this appointment for some of his 23 seniors in the judicial service. Knowing as we do, however, that in the opinion of the whole legal profession at Madras, Mr. Holloway's abilities and attainments have for some time marked him out as preeminently qualified among his brethern for the high position he has now attained, we hail his promotion as an important boon to the best interests of this Presidency, inseparably identified as they are with the due administration of justice. The appointment reflects great credit on Sir Charles Wood. We hail it as a proof that superior qualifications and attainments will henceforward entitle their possessors to that promotion which heretofore was too frequently reserved for the claims of either interest or routine-seniority; provided only no glaring proof of incapacity could be alleged against them.

Law has been, we understand, Mr. Holloway's hobby since he entered the service. Few, if any, of the Bar, we have heard, have a better law library; and few, if any, have used it to better purpose, or read the Reports more regularly. Indeed, we believe he has won golden opinions from the profession, since he began to act as a Judge of the High Court; and we were not a little amused at a story told to us of his first appearance on the Bench, when a learned Counsel quoted a certain case to him, as an authority.—"I believe you know, Mr.—," said Mr. Holloway, "that that case has been over-ruled by the case in 4th Moore;" naming the case in question, without a moment's hesitation, or reference to anything. The learned Counsel, we understand, looked quite "shut up."—*Id.*

FIGURE OF THE MOON.

(From the Cornhill Magazine.)

No one who has seen Mr. Delarue's beautiful stereoscopes of the full moon, in which the two images are obtained separately but by one and the same optical instrumentality at the epochs of her extreme eastern and western librations in longitude according to Mr. Wheatstone's ingenious suggestion can fail to have been struck by the marked and undeniable deviation from the spherical form which the double picture suggests, standing out, as the convex surface does, in bold and full relief; exhibiting the most complete appearance of a round, projecting, (vaguely speaking) *globular* figure. It is quite obvious in a certain mode of presenting the images to the eyes, that, were it really a solid object so presented to our view, no one would hesitate to pronounce it rather egg-shaped than *spherical*. The apparent curvature of the surface under such circumstances is not that of a perfect sphere, alike throughout; but conveys the irresistible impression of an elongation in one direction, and that, not directly towards the eye, but forming a pretty considerable angle, with the visual ray joining the eye and the moon's centre. Nor does the form even present a perfect symmetry, as of a solid of revolution; but on the contrary, somewhat distorted, or, as it were, skewed. The question which now arises is, how far any such appearances in a stereograph are to be received as evidence of a corresponding reality of confirmation in the moon itself? And here we must at once reject any idea of explaining them by optical distortion due to instrumental causes, or to photographic error, or subsequent distortion inprocuring the positive impressions from the original negative. The instrumental means at Mr. Delarue's command preclude the one supposition and the photographic process employed (collodion on glass, optically copied), the other.

Mr. Gussew, Director of the Imperial Observatory at Wilna, with a view to determine how far the whole or any part of this apparent anomaly of figure is real, has subjected each of the two pictures of a pair in his possession, given him by Mr. Delarue, to careful and rigorous microscopic measurement, by selecting on each of the pictures a considerable member of sharply defined, and securely identifiable point, identical in and by measuring with extreme precision, their distances apparatus constructed for the purpose, the circumferences from the centres and several points of the pictures. From these measures (which under such circumstances must be regarded as fully entitled to all the confidence of micrometrical measures, astronomically taken with the telescope, on subjecting them to mathematical computation, and applying the necessary corrections for parallax and refraction, the diameter of the moon, and the apparent figure of her disc, M. Gussew has been led to conclude that a real eccentricity of the figure actually does exist, and that, in point of fact, a portion of the moon's surface having its axis directed about five degrees from the earth as seen from the moon at the epoch of her mean libration, may be considered as belonging to a sphere of smaller radius (and, therefore, more convex) than the mean radius of the moon by about eighteen parts in 1,000, and of which, the centre is situated nearer to the earth than that of the whole moon, by seventy-three thousands of such mean radius (seventy-nine English miles). The portion of the moon, then, turned towards the earth may be considered as a continuous mountain mass, in the form of a meniscus lens, capping the sphere of the moon, and rising in its middle to a height of about fifty-nine English miles above the general level of its figure of equilibrium.

M. Hansen's researches had already led him to conclude an elongation of the lunar axis in the direction of the earth, but to not much more than half this extent. Either result, but especially M. Gussew's would fully account for the total absence both of air and of water on the side of the moon turned towards us, and would be quite compatible with the abundant existence of both, and of a habitable hemisphere, on the opposite side, on the same principle and for the same reason which has assembled the greater part of the water on the surface of our own planet on its southern hemisphere leaving the great mass of land protuberant on the northern—viz. the non-coincidence of its centre of figure with its centre of gravity, or, in other words, the comparative lightness of the solid materials of the northern hemisphere.

This result of M. Gussew, it will be observed, is quite independent of that stereoscopic *appearance* which suggested the inquiry. That appearance may be to a greater or less extent, an ocular illusion. It is well known that stereographs taken under certain circumstances, *have* the effect of giving too great an apparent protuberance to salient features. And, moreover, in reference to the particular stereographs under consideration we have satisfied ourselves by actual examination of a very beautiful specimen before us, that the apparent egg-shaped form and lateral distortion may be either most extravagantly exaggerated or made almost to disappear by different modes of viewing them. But this, as before observed, has nothing to do with M. Gussew's conclusions, which regard each picture, perse, as a separate record, or self-registered series of micrometric measures, such as might have been astronomically obtained without the intervention of photography. We hope this will induce some astronomer to pursue this subject micrometically; choosing his opportunities at opposite extremes of the moon's libration. The mathematical theory of the subject (though for obvious reasons we cannot here enter into it) is very simple, and the subject one of no small interest.

* Bulletin del'Acad. des Sci. de St. Petersbourg, 1, 5, 276.

† See Herschel's *Outlines of Astronomy*, 5th Ed. Art. 436, a.

THE CHRISTENING OF THE INFANT PRINCESS.

(From the Times, April 28.)

WINDSOR CASTLE, APRIL 27.

THE christening of the infant Princess, daughter of their Royal Highnesses the Prince Louis of Hesse and the Princess Louis of Hesse (Princess Alice of Great Britain and Ireland), took place yesterday, at 1 o'clock, in the Green Drawing-room, at Windsor Castle, according to the rights of the Lutheran Church.

The baptism was performed in German by the Rev. Mr. Bender, Court Chaplain to the Grand Ducal Family of Hesse, who travelled from Darmstadt specially to officiate upon this occasion.

At the commencement of the service the following hymn, composed by C. A. Ahle, 1664, was sung by the gentlemen and boys of the choir of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, headed by Dr. Elvey, Mr. W. G. Cusins presiding at the organ:—

"Blessed Jesus, here we stand,
"Met to do as Thou hast spoken,
"And this child at Thy command
"Now we bring to Thee, in token
"That to Christ it here is given,
"For of such shall be His Heaven.

"Yes; Thy warning voice is plain,
"And we fain would keep it duly,—
"He who is not born again,
"Heart and life renewing truly,
"Born of water and the Spirit,
"Will My kingdom ne'er inherit.

"Make it, Head, Thy member now!
"Shepherd, take Thy lamb and feed it!
"Vine of life, its peace be Thou!
"Way of life, to Heaven oh lead it!
"Vine, this branch may nothing sever,
"Grafted firm in Thee for ever!

"Now upon Thy heart it lies,
"What our hearts so dearly treasure;
"Heavenward lead our burdened signs,
"Pour Thy blessing without measure;
"Write the name we now have given,
"Write it in the Book of Heaven."

The sponsors present were:—Her Majesty the Queen, his Grand Ducal Highness Prince Alexander of Hesse (representing the Grand Duke of Hesse), her Royal Highness the Princess Mary of Cambridge, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and his Grand Ducal Highness Prince Henry of Hesse.

Her Majesty and the other sponsors occupied seats on the south side of the room. The infant was named by the Queen, who held the child at the font, "Victoria Alberta Elizabeth Matilda Mary."

The following Royal and illustrious party were also present at the ceremony, and were seated opposite to the sponsors during the baptism:—Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Louis of Hesse, the Princess of Wales, the Princess Beatrice, Prince Alfred, the Duchess of Cambridge, the Princess Helena, the Princess Louisa, Prince Arthur, Prince Leopold, the Princess Mauritie d'Orleans, the Duke of Nemours, the Duke of Cambridge, and his Serene Highness the Prince of Leiningen.

The font of silver gilt used upon this occasion was originally made for the christening of the Princess Royal, and was filled with water brought from the River Jordan by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Rev. Mr. Walbaum assisted at the performance of the sacred rite.

At the conclusion of the service a hymn, composed by Martin Luther, 1529, was sung by the choir, viz.:—

"A sure stronghold our God is He,
"A trusty shield and weapon;
"Our help He'll be and set us free
"From ev'ry ill can happen.
"That old malicious foe
"Means us deadly woe;
"Arm'd with might from hell,
"And deepest craft as well,
"On earth is not his fellow.

"Through our own force we nothing can,
"Straight were we lost for ever;
"But for us fights the proper Man,
"By God sent to deliver.
"Ask ye who this may be?
"Jesus Christ is He,
"Of Sabaoth Lord,
"Sole God to be adored—
"His kingdom ours abideth."

The Belgian Minister, Madame and Miss Van de Weyer, Earl Granville, K.G., Lord President; Viscount Palmerston, K.G., First Lord of the Treasury; the Right Hon. Sir George Grey, G.C.B., Secretary of State for the Home Department; the Dowager Duchess of Sutherland, the Earl of Derby, K.G., Dowager Lady Lyttelton, and Dowager Lady Couper were present at the ceremony.

The following Officers of State and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household of the Queen, of the Royal family, and of the illustrious guests also attended:—The Duchess of Wellington, Mistress of the Robes; the Earl of St. Germans, G.C.B., Lord Steward; Viscount Sydney, G.C.B., Lord Chamberlain; the Countess of Desart, Lady Caroline Barrington, Lady Augusta Bruce, Hon. Caroline Cavendish, Hon. Flora Macdonald, Hon. Mrs. Stonor, Hon. Mrs. Bruce, Lady G. Somerset, Baroness von Schenck, Baroness de Gräncy, Lord Cremorne, Captain Sir William Hoste, R.N., Major-General the Hon. A. N. and Lady Mary Hood, Colonel the Hon. A. Hardinge, Colonel the Hon. Sir Charles Phipps, K. C. B., and Miss Phipps, the Hon. Mrs. Grey, Sir T. M. and Lady Biddulph, the Dean of Windsor and the Hon. Mrs. Wellesley, Major-General, Lady Emily, and Miss Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Erskine, Sir James Clark, Sir C. Locock, Lieutenant-General Knollys, Captain Grey, Major Cowell, Major Elphinstone, Colonel Home Purves, Colonel Clifton, Baron de Rotsmann, Mr. Ruland, Captain Westerweller, Dr. Becker, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Buff, Miss Hildyard, Madame Hocede, Madame and Mademoiselle J. Baur.

The Gentlemen of the Household appeared in the Windsor uniform, and members of orders of knighthood present wore their respective insignia.

The ceremony was concluded at a quarter before 2 o'clock. The Royal family were then conducted to the White-room, where a register of the baptism was signed, and the general company to the dining-room, as ornate *dejeuner* was served. The christening cake was ornamented with the arms of Hesse, and also with bouquets of flowers and rows of pearls.

The distinguished company invited to the christening quitted the Castle in the afternoon.

THE LAW OF LIBEL AND THE CASE OF CAMPBELL v. SPOTTISWOODE.

(From the Times, April 21.)

NOTHING is simpler than the Law of Libel, as it is laid down in the legal text books, and most people (a little) know that they could define its principles with probability. Now that the old saying, "The greater the truth the greater libel," is no longer applicable even to criminal prosecutions, the popular idea of what is and what is not actionable is correct, so far as it goes. It is now generally understood that a false and malicious attack upon another man's character is in all cases illegal, that a somewhat less offensive imputation than would support an action for more words will render its author liable in damages if it be conveyed in writing, but that the law deems all statements of this kind to be justifiable which can be shown to be true. For the ordinary intercourse of life these rules and cautions are sufficient. The gossiping propensities of mankind are not too severely restrained by the knowledge that no one can speak evil of his neighbour with impunity, unless he be prepared to make good his words to the letter, or, at least, to prove that they were spoken without malice or on a lawful occasion. Ever since the Press, however, became an institution of the realm, and more especially since proper names have been printed in full, the laws which were sufficient to check back-biting and vituperative pamphleteering have been subjected to a new strain. It is agreed upon all hands, and has been proclaimed again and again from the judicial Bench, that "fair comments" in a journal or periodical are not within the Law of Libel; but, then, what is to be the test of "fairness?" Suppose, for instance, that a public man is guilty of an act improper in itself, fatal in its consequences, and so devoid of excuse or palliation that charity itself could invent no creditable motive for it? There can be no doubt that a journalist may characterize the act itself as it deserves, may point out its ruinous tendency, and may publish every circumstance from which an average reader would infer an infamous motive. He may even expressly assign this motive if he can prove it as a fact, and that although he may himself be secretly actuated by personal spite, and not by a sense of public duty. On the other hand, it is quite possible that his comments may be made *bona fide* and out of a regard for the public welfare, and yet may be incapable in their very nature of legal proof. Must a writer be silent in such a case, lest he make himself amenable to an action for libel? Is malice to be presumed against him if he should honestly draw a reasonable, though not a demonstrable, conclusion from the materials before him? Is his general object and *animus* to count for nothing; and is the inquiry whether the publication is libellous to be conducted without regard to anything but its possible effects on the interests of the plaintiff?

All these questions must be henceforth answered in the affirmative, if the judgment in "Campbell v. Spottiswoode" is to govern the Law of Libel for the future. Our readers will remember that in this action Dr. Campbell obtained a verdict against the printer of the *Saturday Review* for an alleged calumny against himself as editor and part-proprietor of the *British Standard* and *Ensign*. The sting of our contemporary's strictures was contained in the insinuation that the Doctor used the name of a numerous body of subscribers as decoys to obtain further subscriptions, and in the positive allegation that his ostensible zeal for the conversion of the Chinese was nothing but a pretence to promote the circulation of his newspaper. The truth of the libel was not pleaded, and it is fair to add that while the comparative influence of mercantile religious journals is incapable of precise measurement, the former charge appeared to be groundless. The defendant's counsel relied at the trial, and in his argument before the Court of Queen's Bench, on the general "privilege" of all who discuss public questions. The Court, however, the Lord Chief Justice and the Court decided against him, on the ground that there is no such general privilege, and that the imputation of base motives throws upon a public critic, as it would upon a private detractor, the necessity of bringing them home to the party maligned. According to this doctrine, the jury have to sit in judgment and compare the comments with the evidence before the writer, and to say whether they were "fair" and justified by appearances. Nothing short of their being strictly true in fact, and proved to be so in open court, will relieve the latter of his liability.

Now, whatever be the cogency of the reasons which have led the Court of Queen's Bench to this conclusion, it is vain to deny that it is contrary to existing precedents. We have the express authority of the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas for the principle that very strong and libellous language, which Lord and employed "for the purpose of maintaining the truth," "without any corrupt motive," may be innocent in the view of the law. We have the sanction of the same eminent Judge for the assertion that defamatory matter published in the performance of any "legal or "moral, or in the exercise of any right," is not presumed to be malicious. We find it assumed by Chief Justice Erle, and stated in plain terms by Mr. Justice Willes, that there is such a thing as a *privilege* of fair discussion on a question of interest, and though two of the learned Judges of the Queen's Bench were at much pains to show that a right belonging to all Her Majesty's subjects cannot properly be called a "privilege." Moreover, we have the general but most emphatic testimony of Lord Ellenborough, that where the "object" is "the correction of misrepresentations of fact, to refute sophistical reasoning, to expose a vicious taste in literature, or to censure what is hostile to morality," there can be no libel.

These cases are enough to make us pause before we accept and push to their logical results all the judicial dicta in "Campbell v. Spottiswoode." It is scarcely worth while to split straws about the word "privilege," which may surely be applied with as much propriety to a right common to all with reference to certain subjects and within certain limits as to a right enjoyed by a few under less stringent conditions. At all events, let it be clearly announced, if it be so, that no greater latitude is allowed in comments on public topics than in remarks on private affairs. Any theoretical indulgence to the former, whether it be called privilege or not, is a worthless boon if truth, or rather legal demonstration, is to be the only test of "libel" or no "libel" for literary critiques. As Mr. Bovill well pointed out, no privilege is wanted where truth can be successfully pleaded. On the other hand, no privilege is demanded where malice can be established against the writer, as Alderson put to the jury from the tone and spirit of the composition. It is where a public critic, with the best and purest intentions, has injured the good name of a public man that the question arises. It may seem right, perhaps, to some that the aggressor, as they would call him, should bear the whole risk, and we do not deny that the claim of immunity might be carried too far. But let any one consider how difficult, if not impossible, it is to discuss conduct or opinions without discussing their tendencies, and to expose tendencies without imputing motives and he will confess that it is not so easy to render the Press harmless to individuals, and yet to leave it powerful for good. Nor should it be forgotten that the very reflections which are the basis of substantiate are precisely those which the critic is bound to shun. If a writer proposes to found his accusations on special knowledge, he may well be called upon to produce his witnesses, but when he openly appeals to documents which the complainant has ostentatiously put before the world, he does but invite others to adopt a more or less charitable construction of what is already public. This makes a great difference, and if the Law of Libel is to be modified at all, we cannot but think that this distinction is quite as cardinal as that which the Court of Queen's Bench draws between stigmatizing acts and attributing motives.

FRANCE.

(From the Times, April 23.)

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 7 P.M.

M. Xavier Raymond has published, in a volume of nearly 500 pages, the various articles he has contributed to the *Revue des Deux Mondes* on the French and English navies. It bears for title "*Les Marines de la France et de l'Angleterre*, 1861—1863," and purports to be an exact account of the numerous and important changes that have successively taken place from 1816 up to the latest date in all that regards solidity, sailing qualities, and capability for attack and defence. M. Raymond relates the history of the decline and fall of sailing vessels, and of the origin and progress of steam from the first experiments to its present condition; nor does he forget to mention the experiment of a mixed marine, the condemnation passed on wooden vessels, and the rise and imposing growth of ironclads, which are destined for a long time to rule the ocean. It is natural that a French writer should point with satisfaction to the successful efforts of his own Government in restoring the navy to the rank it lost in the course of the long and desperate struggle with Great Britain. He dwells with complacency on the discoveries and innovations of French ship-builders and engineers, and on the superiority of such frigates as *La Gloire* and *La Normandie* to any model yet produced by any other country, not excepting England. Having paid this compliment to the *amour propre* of France, he however advises her not to carry her illusion too far, or to suppose that, because she possesses a few ships of incontestable quality, she has equalled the naval power of England. He sets little value on the opinion so generally entertained, that the discovery of steam has brought to a common level the navies of all countries. Two things are indispensable for navies, as well as for armies—men and money. To acquire great influence and to maintain it, money is especially requisite, for by it both land and sea forces are kept up; and money is only to be had through a widely extended commerce. Despite the multiplicity of railroads, navigable rivers and the ocean will still be the real highways of commerce. Splendid and fast sailing war frigates are not sufficient. A merchant navy and men to work it efficiently are indispensable; and ironclads require more activity, more intelligence, and more energy than the old sailing ships. France may show a *materiel* equal to that of England, but she is still inferior in respect of crews, and this inferiority is still more remarkable in the merchant navy. With a population of 40,000,000, including the late acquisitions of territory, and 800 leagues of seaboard, France cannot raise more than from 140,000 to 150,000 sailors; whereas England could turn out from 700,000 to 800,000. M. Raymond is decidedly opposed to the system of maritime conscription in France, and thinks that until it is abolished the whole vital force of France will be paralyzed for the sea service as for commerce.

He observes that his present work, begun in the autumn of 1861, was concluded, or nearly so, at the moment the affair of the Trent occurred. The outburst of sympathy which hailed the illegal and audacious act of Commodore Wilkes on the other side of the Atlantic the thanks voted to him, in the name of the nation, by the House of Representatives at Washington, the ovations he met with at Boston, New York, and other towns of the Union; the inflammatory language of the American press—all commanded the greatest circumspection; for if the public mind in the United States was greatly excited, the English nation, on the other hand, showed itself decided and resolute. To demand no reparation for the outrage offered to the British flag would have been a weakness to which England could never descend. Hitherto she had, from desire of peace or from prudence, allowed many things to pass; but not to insist upon the surrender of Messrs. Slidell and Mason before listening to any explanations would have been as disgraceful as if she had allowed a brigade of gendarmery to land on her coast and march into London with arms in their hands for the purpose of seizing the political refugees who find an asylum there. Such condescension would have degraded the flag which protects British interests in every part of the globe. In this feeling the British people were unanimous, and while Commodore Wilkes was feted in America, England was preparing to avenge her wrongs and to defend to the last her own rights and those of every other country.

It was this consideration which induced M. Raymond to postpone the publication of his work. "Though I certainly had no intention," he says,—

"To wound the just feelings of the English people, yet I had to say many things about their navy which would not be agreeable to them; and the time when that navy might be engaged for the general utility of all nations was not the most favourable for criticizing it. I felt a repugnance, when speaking of officers whose character and gallantry I admire, to casting a doubt on the value and efficiency of the arms which at any moment they might be forced to take up for a cause which was not less dear to France than to themselves. In truth, the right which they were preparing to defend was that which for centuries we ourselves defended at sea, and which we have so much interest in upholding. I should regret to appear, even remotely, as acting in accordance with those (and they were numerous on the Continent) who, carried away by imprudent sympathies for Mr. Lincoln's Government, or by blind passion against England, sought to palliate the conduct of the Americans, and abandoned the great principles of international law out of spite to our neighbours across the Channel. Fortunately, the unanimous opinion of the Governments of Europe, and particularly the celebrated despatch of M. Thouvenel, settled what threatened to degenerate into a chaos of absurd discussions, and those who were disposed to show themselves more American than the Americans were recalled to reason and to the feeling of their own interest by Mr. Seward himself, who had the good sense to surrender the prisoners."

The Confederate States' Loan of 3,000,000*l.*, which was lately contracted for, is exciting great interest on the Continent. In a note which has been prepared on the subject I find the following facts stated:—

"The Confederate loan, regarded as a purely financial operation, produces about 8 per cent., including the chances of the sinking fund; and, as a speculation in cotton, the profit may vary from 100 to 200 per cent. The cotton which the Confederate Government possesses, and which it has undertaken to deliver to the holders of bonds at 5½ centimes the English pound, either immediately or at any epoch, at the choice of the holders, but at the latest six months after the ratification of peace (the Government requiring only 60 days' warning from Europe), is now worth at Havre and at Liverpool about 20, or four times the price at which it is delivered to the holders of bonds. The possession of the cotton at once, and forcing the blockade, and by admitting that the cost of assurance and freight would be 100 per cent., or 5½ centimes per pound, a gain of 100 per cent. would also be realized. The cotton can also be taken possession of, and placed under French or English protection until the conclusion of the conflict. The margin of price is so wide that this speculation may be made in full security, whatever be the issue of the war. But it is difficult to doubt of the eventual success of the Confederate States of America in establishing themselves as a separate State, recognized by the Governments of Europe. In this case the advantages of the loan are palpable. The cotton promised to the bonds will be delivered the first, the Confederate Government possessing all means of conveyance in the interior. It will not be asked, as in the case of the war, for more than one of ½ cent, or ¼ per cent., while it is probable that the exportation of other cotton not enjoying this privilege will be heavily taxed by the Government to make up the deficit occasioned by the war. Those persons who have confidence in the future of the Confederate Government will, therefore, quietly retain the bonds, enjoying the interest thereon, and they will have the privilege of reimbursement in cotton, the advantages of which will increase in a ratio in duration of the war; for at this moment little cotton is being planted, and the stock is declining every day by consumption and the effects of the war. It has been objected that cotton can be bought cheaper in the Confederate States. But the immense success of the loan, which has been subscribed five times over, will have incontestably an influence on the price of cotton in America, and will cause the exchange to rise. It is therefore probable that orders may be sent out now would not be executed on better terms than the cotton reserved to the bonds of the loan, and every one will see the advantage which there is in procuring cotton which produces interest, and is not subjected to any cost or risk, instead of cotton burdened with the cost of conveyance from the interior to the port, with warehousing, assurance, and export duties."

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BELLIGERENT RIGHT OF MARITIME CAPTURE.

(From the Times, April 30.)

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

SIR,—In some of my former letters I ventured to protest against the unreasonable irritation existing on the other side of the Atlantic, which seemed to arise out of an entire misconception of the relative rights and duties of neutral and belligerent States. I regret to perceive that there is growing up in this country a spirit of exasperation, provoked, as it seems to me, by an ignorance of the legal rights of the respective parties, not less extensive and equally to be regretted. The Government are loudly called upon to avenge insults which are supposed to have been offered, and to assert rights which are assumed to have been invaded. There is no spectacle less dignified than that of a nation in a passion, especially if it should be so unfortunate as to have at hand spokesmen to interpret its wrath who have as little regard for decency, moderation, and justice as has been exhibited by some recent orators in the House of Commons. I shall ask your leave to examine the question in a somewhat different spirit.

The immediate cause of dissatisfaction seems to have arisen from the seizure by Federal cruisers of such vessels as the Peterhoff, the Adela, and others. It is alleged that neutral vessels with innocent cargoes and bound to neutral ports have been unjustly captured. Now, if the Federal Government had asserted or did assert any right to capture vessels of such a character, it is quite plain that the Government of this country would be called upon instantly to repudiate such a pretension. But the fact is that the American Government, on the contrary, have distinctly disclaimed any such right. The instructions issued by Mr. Seward to the Federal navy are strictly in accordance with the law of nations, as understood and practised by Great Britain. We are bound, therefore, by all the principles of justice which govern the relations of friendly States to assume either that these orders have been observed, or that, if they have been violated by the misconduct of individual officers, that they will be disavowed by the American Government, and that reparation will be made.

But, further, let us inquire what reason there is in fact for concluding with certainty that anything unlawful has been done. The Peterhoff, it is true, has been seized. It is asserted, indeed, that she was engaged in an innocent voyage and was freighted with an innocent cargo. It may be so; but also, it must be admitted, it may *not* be so. The important question is, how and by whom the character of that vessel is to be determined. The innocence of the Peterhoff, indeed, is vouched by Mr. Crawford—a most highly respectable authority, it is true—nevertheless, I must be permitted to observe that it is not to this tribunal that the law of nations has referred the decision of this question. I have no hesitation in laying it down as an unquestionable proposition of international law, that as between the neutral and the belligerent Governments a capture by a belligerent cruiser is to be presumed lawful until the Prize Court has pronounced it illegitimate.

The principles applicable to this matter have been laid down by Lord Stowell in the great case of the "Swedish Convoy" with a clearness and precision which leave no room for misunderstanding. In that case a fleet of neutral merchant vessels, under the convoy of a neutral man-of-war, some, if not all, of which were ostensibly destined for neutral ports, was seized by a British cruiser. The British Admiralty in the English Court the rights of belligerents and the duties of neutrals are laid down with consummate accuracy. After establishing, *first*, the right of search, *secondly*, the right of detention, of contraband with a hostile destination, Lord Stowell thus defines the *third* point, which is highly material to the present consideration:—

"Thirdly. Another right accrued, that of bringing in for a more deliberate inquiry than could possibly be conducted at sea upon such a number of vessels, even those which professed to carry cargoes with a neutral destination."

And, then, referring to the threatened resistance by the convoy to such a capture, he adds:—

"When the utmost injury threatened is the being carried in for inquiry into the nearest port, subject to a full responsibility in costs and damages if this is done wantonly and without just cause, a merchant vessel has no right, whatever force it may have, to use it. But it is difficult to doubt of the eventual success of the Confederate States of America in establishing themselves as a separate State, recognized by the Governments of Europe. In this case the advantages of the loan are palpable. The cotton promised to the bonds will be delivered the first, the Confederate Government possessing all means of conveyance in the interior. It will not be asked, as in the case of the war, for more than one of ½ cent, or ¼ per cent., while it is probable that the exportation of other cotton not enjoying this privilege will be heavily taxed by the Government to make up the deficit occasioned by the war. Those persons who have confidence in the future of the Confederate Government will, therefore, quietly retain the bonds, enjoying the interest thereon, and they will have the privilege of reimbursement in cotton, the advantages of which will increase in a ratio in duration of the war; for at this moment little cotton is being planted, and the stock is declining every day by consumption and the effects of the war. It has been objected that cotton can be bought cheaper in the Confederate States. But the immense success of the loan, which has been subscribed five times over, will have incontestably an influence on the price of cotton in America, and will cause the exchange to rise. It is therefore probable that orders may sent out now would not be executed on better terms than the cotton reserved to the bonds of the loan, and every one will see the advantage which there is in procuring cotton which produces interest, and is not subjected to any cost or risk, instead of cotton burdened with the cost of conveyance from the interior to the port, with warehousing, assurance, and export duties."

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simplicity of faith began to pale; whilst the viper brood of doubts which almost unawares he had let slip into his soul crept forth from their hiding-places and raised against him their fearfully envenomed heads. And they were too strong for him. The teacher who had suggested could not remove them: and in darkness and despair his victim died before his eyes the doubter's death."

We have grave doubts of the wisdom, either worldly or spiritual, of the delivery from the University pulpit of such vague yet terrible dehortation as this. It would be effective at the time, but it would lead to a necessary reaction. Its tendency would be to stir up among the undergraduates a general suspicion of their teachers, whom the Church Catechism puts before their spiritual pastors. If the Bishop and the tutor thus become opposed to each other in the pupil's mind, the odds are greatly against the Bishop. A passage of pulpit eloquence will not prevail in the long run against the continuous influence of the lecture-room, the walk, the common meal, the look and nod of personal recognition. But in the majority of cases there would be no ground for the suspicions which the Bishop has tried to insert into the minds of his younger hearers, to raise elsewhere and afterwards their fearfully envenomed heads. Should this be so, the preacher has been sapping unnecessarily the very principle of faith, which is generally supposed to mean the reception of truth on authority. It is not good for a young man to look upon the Bishop's ghastly picture, and to say "The dying sceptic is meant as a warning for me, and the deceiver is probably my tutor."

But let us leave the tutor alone, and have a rather closer look at the undergraduate. He is clever and industrious, is at a good college, and has been at a public school. He intends to make classics his strong point, for he is ambitious of a fellowship; but he must pass in some other subject in his "second school." When he was quite a boy, he made a fine collection of birds' eggs: he has learnt a little botany with his sisters; he spends the vacations in a good geological country, and he is fond of nature and the open air. So he inclines, on the whole, to the school of physical science. Occasionally, when the mornings work is over, he wanders out to the parks, and combines a game at fives or rackets with a visit to the new Museum. One Saturday afternoon he mounts to the gallery of the building, and spends a long half-hour in running his eye along the series of fossils which is placed there for science to examine and for even ignorance to admire. He has lately been reading the first chapter of Genesis; and he wonders indefinitely (he can scarcely be said to speculate) as to the exact relation of these petrified creatures to the six days of creation. In the library an illustrated pamphlet catches his eye: he takes it up, and becomes interested about the flint implements from the drift. He looks carefully at the engravings, and inclines to think that these "conchoidal fractures" are artificial. This sets him thinking of the possible antiquity of man, and he then remembers that he has been told, on the authority of the best geologists, that the drift in which these records of humanity are found must have been deposited thousands of years before the period usually assigned to the creation of man. But he has no lively interest in this dreary retrospect. He goes home to dinner, talks to his friends about the boats, and when the time for his evening reading comes he sets to work on his Aristophanes.

Next morning, being Sunday, he is duly at chapel, and goes after breakfast to University Sermon. The Bishop of Oxford preaches. The subject which the preacher announces immediately after his text is the temptation to doubt about religion. The undergraduate is all attention; the Bishop, he hopes, may have a word of advice for him. A description of one class of doubts, and, by implication, of doubters, is at once given from the pulpit:—

"There are the doubts which are the fruits of an evil life, which come forth as the obscene creatures of the night come forth,—because it is the night; because the darkness is abroad, and they are the creatures of the darkness. These are, for the most part, self-chosen doubts, bred of corruption and of fear: of a clinging to sin and yet of a fear of its punishment: of a conscious resistance to the ways and the works of a God of purity and truth: of an evil interest which men have in finding revelation to be false, because it is a system which, if true, is totally opposed to them. Men pursued by these doubts are to be fearful speakers. The terrors which at times shake them are often appalling to witness; and yet even these are less awful than the forced grimace with which they try to laugh them off; vaunting their doubts, like the lonely wanderer who sings noisily to conceal or even confess his fear of the dark. These, we may, if possible, scatter by the loudness of their laugh the besetting crowd of their alarms."

Happily, our undergraduate can bear this description without painful writhings of conscience. He has been a good boy, and is a good young man; were it otherwise he probably would not have been at church this morning. The Bishop proceeds to a second class of doubts and doubters; but these he dismisses in a single paragraph; it is true of them that he would speak further to-day. A third class of doubts remains. These doubts, the Bishop tells his audience, are those which address themselves to specific and clearly revealed points in the revelation which yet, as a whole, the doubting man does not disbelieve. Against these doubts he would utter his warning, because he believes that their presence, and even their indulgence, is at this moment by no means rare; because their true character is often disguised under the most specious forms; because the young, among the young the generous, the ardent, the thoughtful, and the inquiring, are often their special victims; and because their cause is one of weakness, both intellectual and spiritual, while their end, when they triumph, is misery here, and, too often, everlasting loss hereafter. Having observed that there must be room for doubts and questions such as these, the Bishop proceeds:—

"It may often seem that these doubts are the pauses of modesty, and these questions the interrogations of an inquiring faith. Thus the doubts are cherished and encouraged under the garb of piety, until a habit is formed in the mind of subjecting the written word and the authoritative declarations of faith to the scrutiny of each man's intellectual faculties, and, according to their decision, of its accepting, modifying, or rejecting them. Now, such a mode of dealing with revelation is exceeding attractive. It promises to make the faith so rational—to give every man a reason for the hope that is in him—to be so free from all exacting doctrines on him, that it naturally wins to itself young and ardent minds. Yet it is against this that I would so earnestly warn you, and that for the weightiest reasons—for no less a reason than this, that in its very first principle it is subversive of all true faith, and that it is therefore in its consequences full of ruin to the soul."

Our undergraduate is puzzled. Is he not to seek the truth? And must he not seek it in the Bible or elsewhere by bringing the best powers of his mind to bear upon the subject before him in the best possible manner Reverence and purity, of course, are conditions of proper enquiry. The Physiological Manual which they use at the Museum says, in its concluding sentence, that even the physical philosopher who would prosecute his studies with advantage has the strongest motives for that humility of spirit and purity of heart without which we are assured, none can see God. Just as these thoughts are passing through the undergraduate's mind he hears the Bishop of Oxford commenting on the relation of the Christian revelation to nature:—

"The Christian revelation teaches nothing merely to gratify our curiosity. In this respect it is the very opposite of nature. The handwriting of the Creator in the works of nature seems to be imprinted on them for the very purpose of stimulating our curiosity and training and rewarding our powers of investigation and discovery. In the Christian revelation, on the contrary, nothing is revealed for idle curiosity